

<b>PETITION UNDER RULE 1.47(A)</b>	Application #	10/599,725
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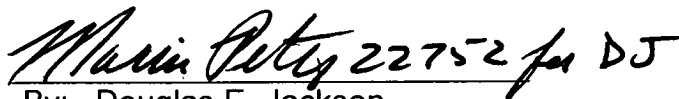
Pursuant to the provisions of § 1.47(a), application for patent is hereby made by three of the named inventors on behalf of themselves and a fourth inventor who refuses to sign. A declaration signed by the three inventors on behalf of the fourth inventor accompanies this Petition.

The attached AFFIDAVIT UNDER RULE 1.47(A) provides proof of the pertinent facts and a showing that such action is necessary as required by §1.47(a). The last known address of the missing inventor, Julian Lee-Webb, is: 37 Moor Lane, Copmanthorpe, York YP23 3TJ, England (the same as is present on the published international stage application).

The required fee under §1.17(h) accompanies this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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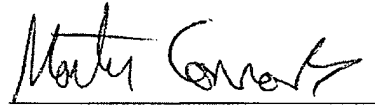
I, Martin Connors, Patent Agent and Manager, Smith & Nephew Research Centre, York Science Park, Heslington, York YP10 5DF, England, do hereby declare as follows.

1. As part of my job responsibilities for my employer Smith & Nephew, I routinely direct or have responsibility for the preparation and forwarding of Declarations (and Assignments) for US patents to inventors for signature by employees of my patent group.
2. In furtherance of those responsibilities, for the above identified US national stage application (for which Smith & Nephew was an applicant in the international stage and will be in this US national stage application as well), I have knowledge of the preparation of a Declaration for execution by the named inventors of this national stage application, including inventor Julian Lee-Webb; which declaration was prepared by an employee of our patent group (who has recently departed applicant's employment).
3. On October 12, 2006, again on November 9, 2006, and again on June 11, 2007, I have knowledge that the prepared declaration was forwarded by mail (by the recently departed employee of our patent group) to inventor Julian Lee-Webb for his signature at his last know address of 37 Moor Lane, Copmanthorpe, York YP23 3TJ (the same as is present on the published international stage application).
4. I do not know of any better address at which to reach inventor Julian Lee-Webb.

5. As of the present date, neither any employee in my patent group nor myself have received any response from inventor Julian Lee-Webb for any of those mailings in which his signature on the Declaration was requested; and I also note that those mailings to him have not been returned as undeliverable so I presume that inventor Lee-Webb has received them. Further, neither any employee in my patent group nor myself have been contacted by inventor Julian Lee-Webb in any other manner or with regard to any other subject.

I hereby state that all statements made herein based on my own personal knowledge are true and correct and that all statements based on my information and belief are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and further that all of these statements have been made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: ~~August~~ 10, 2007  
December



Martin Connors